



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**Testimony before the Government Administration & Elections Committee  
Commissioner Amy L. Porter**

**Senate Bill 451 – An Act Concerning Government Administration, State  
Contracting, Regional School Boards  
and the State Elections Enforcement Commission**

**March 17, 2014**

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and distinguished members of the Government Administration & Elections Committee - my name is Amy Porter and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services or DORS. I want to first thank the Committee for including Section 2 in Senate Bill 451, An Act Concerning Government Administration, State Contractors, Regional School Boards and the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

The language in that section makes a small change in the statutes concerning the Department of Rehabilitation Services. This provision, if enacted, will make it clear that our agency may accept monetary donations from private persons and entities. While this may not be a very common occurrence or a significant source of revenue, from time to time there are opportunities for the agency to benefit from the generosity of a person or institution who wishes to assist one of our programs or the agency in general. We believe it is only wise to allow ourselves the freedom to receive this assistance whenever it is offered or available. Therefore we encourage the Committee to move this proposal forward and pass the language contained in Section 2 of Senate Bill 451.

Once again, I would like to thank the Committee and its leadership for raising this section of the bill and for your future consideration of its passage.